MESSAGE FROM RAJPRAMUKH.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received the following message from His Highness the Rajpramukh:

"In pursuance of Clause 1 of Article 205(1) of the Constitution of India, I, Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar, Rajpramukh of Mysore, do hereby direct that the statement showing the grants aggregating to the amount indicated hereunder and detailed in the statement of Estimates annexed, be laid before the House of the Legislature (February-March 1955 Session)

		Rs.
Votes		
Expenditure met from Revenue	...	63,79,348
Capital outlay not met from revenue	...	4,62,000
Charged		
Expenditure met from Revenue	...	15,18,705
Grand total	...	83,60,053

JAYA CHAMARAJA WADIYAR,
Rajpramukh of Mysore."

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

Schedule of Demands for Additional Grants 1954-55.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table of the House the Schedule of Demands for Additional Grants for the year 1954-55, that is item (*b*) in the programme. Regarding (*a*), I am doing it tomorrow.

STATEMENT MADE BY THE CHIEF MINISTER WHILE PLACING THE DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1954-55.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—With your kind permission, Sir,

In placing the Supplementary Estimates for the consideration of the House, I wish to make the following statement.

2. The Legislature at its last Session held in October 1954 voted supplementry grants for Rs. 113·18 lakhs under the Voted Section and Rs. 0·11 lakhs under the Charged Section. As the Honourable Members are aware, these grants were required for accelerating the execution of major irrigation and power projects and other development schemes such as (i) constructing a Reservoir across Nugu, (ii) constructing a Masonry Anicut across the Bhadra and (iii) Power supply to Irrigation pumps for which additional assistance from the Central Government had been secured. I am happy to inform the House that appreciable progress has been made on the projects and works for which additional grants were voted by the Legislature.

3. The supplementary estimates, I am now placing before you, are for a sum of Rs. 68·41 lakhs in the voted section and of Rs. 15·19 lakhs in the charged section. Though the latter is not subject to the vote of the Legislature, it has been included in the Supplementary Estimates in accordance with the requ rements of the Constitution.

4. As regards charged items, the sum of Rs. 14·93 lakhs included in the Demand No. 26 represents the amount of interest on the capital of Government In lustrial Concerns. Provision for this was till now being made in the voted section of the Budget under the Major Head '43 Industries and Supplies.' The provision will henceforth be made in the charged section under the same Major Head in accordance with the classification suggested by the Accountant General, Mysore. Accordingly, the amount provided for in the voted section will be transferred to the charged section and the provision already made under the former treated as surrendered. The dema d will not, therefore, affect our financial resources or involve out-go of cash.

5. In the voted section, comprising the rest of the demands, the need for additional grants is set out in the explanatory note appended to each of the demands. In none of these cases the expenditure could have been foreseen when the Budget for the current

year was framed and passed by the Legislature. Further, the additional expenditure is covered by Central assistance to the extent of Rs. 42·33 lakhs and the balance will be met by savings in the sanctioned grants. There is thus no additional financial commitment on account of these demands.

6. What is more important however is the purpose for which additional grants are asked for. In the very nature of things a State whose policy is to secure a progressive rise in the standard of life and welfare of its people, has to take up and carry through new schemes and activities of a beneficial nature or accelerate the execution of those already taken up, for which often there is either no provision in the Budget or the provision made is found to be inadequate. It is in this light that the demands for additional grants have to be viewed. Thus it will be seen from Demand No. 8 that the construction and repairs of a much larger number of irrigation works than was provided for in the main estimates had to be taken up in the course of the year at an additional cost of Rs. 10 lakhs. It would not have been in the public interest to have either delayed or put off these works of vital necessity to the rural area on the ground of inadequate provision in the Budget. Some of these works were also of an urgent nature in view of damage to several tanks during the previous monsoon. Further, it was necessary to accelerate the programme of restoration of minor tanks so as to attain the target in the Five-Year Plan.

7. Similarly in the case of Demand No. 29 the sum of Rs. 10·11 lakhs required as additional grant is in respect of (1) the construction of five new roads in Hassan District on co-operative lines, (2) purchase of Steam Road Rollers and Lorries and (3) speeding up the concreting and asphalting of important State Fund roads over which there is very heavy traffic. I may state that a major portion of the expenditure is covered by Central assistance.

8. The additional expenditure of Rs. 92,000 under the Demand No. 37 was necessary for the maintenance of and repairs to the five K. R. Sagar channels, the Visvesvaraya Canal and its branch channels. The sum of Rs. 1·50 lakhs included in the same demand for K. R. S. Irrigation Works is in respect of the replacement of sluice gates recently obtained from abroad for which there is no provision in the main Estimates. So far as the additional expenditure of Rs. 3 lakhs for the Chamarajasagara Water Works is concerned, it is due to the increase in the rates charged for power supplied to Thippagondanahalli Water Works and is set off by the receipt of an equal amount in the Electricity Department.

9. In regard to Demand No. 28, the entire sum of Rs. 28 lakhs is expected to be received as subsidy from the Central Government for the Industrial Housing Scheme. The expenditure to be borne by the State Government is Rs. 3·63 lakhs in respect of the items specified in the note appended to the Demand. This, as the Honourable Members are aware, is a scheme sponsored by the Gov rnment of India for affording housing facilities at cheap cost to workers in industrial areas. The scheme, so far as Mysore is concerned, has progressed well and satisfactorily. Up to now 2,092 tenements have been constructed or are under construction at Bangalore, Mysore, Bhadravathi, Mandya, Davangere and T.-Narasipur, at a total estimated cost of Rs. 58 lakhs. The outlay to end of January 1955 is about Rs. 46 lakhs. The small expenditure of Rs. 3·63 lakhs incurred by the State Government is well worth the housing benefits secured for a large number of working families in the State.

10. The grant of Rs. 35,000 under Demand No. 4 involves only a payment by the Forest Department to the Electricity Department. The sum of Rs. 83,000 required under Demand No. 12 is for meeting the extra expenditure on account of T. A. and D. A. to the Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly. A sum of Rs. 19,400 included in Demand No. 11 is on account of expenditure incurred on the Fact Finding Committee whose report has been laid on the table of the House. The remaining items under

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Demand No. 11 refer to the expenditure on additional staff sanctioned or continued in the interest of efficient discharge of work and for the adjustment of rent of Hotel K.R.S. to Public Works Department. The additional grant of Rs. 1,36,600 under Demand No. 16 is for the purchase of 50 wireless sets required by the Police Department for security purposes. An expenditure of Rs. 67,000 (under Demand No. 17) has been incurred on prospecting for Sulphur deposits in Ingaldhal area, Chitaldrug District. This is a new venture and if the results of prospecting prove to be satisfactory, a new line of mineral resources would be developed in the State which will more than repay the exploratory expenditure incurred on it. As for Demand No. 25, a major part of Rs. 63,048 being the cost of the Audit staff of the Co-operative Department, will be recovered in the form of Audit Fees from Co-operative Societies. The additional grant required under Demand No. 32 is mainly in respect of a large number of pension cases to be disposed of during the year and the State's share of the pension liability under the Andhra State Act (1953).

11. I have tried in the course of my foregoing remarks to emphasise two important aspects in connection with the supplementary estimates, *viz.*, (1) that there is no additional strain on the State's financial resources on account of the Demands and (2) that the expenditure in respect of which additional grants are required was either inevitable or was incurred to promote speedier progress of the works concerned.

Mr. SPEAKER.—May I request the Leader of the House kindly to circulate the copy of the speech to the Honourable Members ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes, Sir, I will get the statement printed and circulated among the members during the course of the day.

MYSORE BOARD OF REVENUE BILL, 1954.

Presentation of Joint Select Committee Report.

Sri Kaddal MANJAPPA (Chairman, Joint Select Committee).—Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Mysore Board of Revenue Bill, 1954.

DEBATE ON THE MOTION OF THANKS—(*Contd.*).

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now debate on the motion of Address of Thanks will continue. I will give opportunities to the members who have tabled amendments, first. They may move the respective amendment.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—I will take the first opportunity of moving my amendments and having my say.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I want to know if both the members who have tabled the first two amendments agree to the Leader of the Opposition being given preference.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—Yes.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY (Bagepally—Gudibanda).—Yes.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Leader of the House).—Since they belong to one Party, I expect that they move one motion and particularly in view of the phraseology used by the Leader of the Opposition.

*Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, I beg to move the following amendment to the Motion of Thanks moved by my Hon'ble friend Sri N. Huchmasthy Gowda :

'Add the following at the end of the Motion of Thanks :—

"But regret that as a result of Your Highness's Ministers being pre occupied with partisan policies and differences, the tone and morale of the administration have deteriorated, the interest and prestige of the State have suffered and various economic problems that confront the country have remained unsolved."'

* Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.